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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Bentz, et al.

Title: STABILIZED, SOLID-STATE POLYPEPTIDE PARTICLES

Serial No.: 10/696,405  
Examiner: Barnhart, Lora Elizabeth

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 3-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated 05/14/2008, such extension allowing the undersigned until 11/14/2008 to respond.

Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-1953** in the amount of \$ 1050.00 as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **50-1953**.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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